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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO SAN JOSE CASP

1. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S REVIEW WITH COUNTRY TEAM OF THE 1976/1977 COSTA RICA CASP, WE WISH TO MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES. THE COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES THEY CONTRIBUTE TO AN IMPROVED FOCUS OF THE OVERALL CASP, WHILE CLARIFYING AND UPDATING IT.

2. THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE CHANGES SHOULD BE INSERTED AT THE INDICATED PLACES IN THE CASP:

(AL PAGE 7, LAST PARAGRAPH (THIRD LINE FROM BOTTOM):
CHANGE 1977 TO 1976.

(B) PAGE 10, FIRST SENTENCE IN FIRST PARAGRAPH, IS PROPOSED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "UNTIL AND UNLESS AN EXTRADI-
TION CASE IS BROUGHT AND IS SUCCESSFUL THE USG SHOULD
MINIMIZE ITS INVESTIGATIVE AND REPORTING ACTIVITIES IN COSTA
RICA RELATING TO VESCO CONSISTENT WITH NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS
TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPER INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS." THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BEGINNING "THIS IMPLIES
ABSTAINING..." IS ELIMINATED. COUNTRY TEAM PROPOSES NEW
SENTENCE AFTER SENTENCE ENDING "...PRIVATE LIQUIDATORS" IN
SAME FIRST PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: "WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITIES TO STRESS TO GOCR THAT PRIVATE LIQUIDATORS

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ARE NOT CONTROLLED BY THE USG NOR ARE THEY OPERATING ON OUR

BEHALF." WE ALSO PROPOSE A NEW PENULTIMATE SENTENCE IN THIS PARAGRAPH WHICH READS: "THE EMBASSY WILL ALSO TAKE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO REMIND THE GOCR THAT VESCO'S PRESENCE IN COSTA RICA CONSTITUTES AN IMPEDIMENT TO OUR RELATIONS." IN THE LAST SENTENCE IN THIS PARAGRAPH SUBSTITUTE THE WORD SIGNIFICANT FOR THE WORD ANY.

(C) PAGE 11. THE COUNTRY TEAM PROPOSES NEW SENTENCE AT END OF FIRST PARAGRAPH WHICH WOULD READ: "CHARGES OF U.S. INTERVENTION IN COSTA RICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS ON VESCO ISSUE MIGHT PREJUDICE POTENTIAL GOCR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN REMOVING LEGAL BARRIERS IN EXTRADITION LAW."

(D) PAGE 12. FIRST AREA OF CONCERN UNDER WORLD ORDER INTEREST IS CHANGED TO READ: "COSTA RICA'S RECEPTIVENESS TO INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP WHICH IN CERTAIN INSTANCES MIGHT BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO U.S. INTERESTS."

(E) PAGE 14. OBJECTIVE 3 IS CHANGED TO READ: "PROGRAM INVITATION TO PRESIDENT ODUBER TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S. IN 1976 CONTINGENT UPON SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF VESCO PROBLEM."

(F) PAGE 16. WE WISH TO INSERT NEW SENTENCE AFTER FIRST SENTENCE IN LAST PARAGRAPH: "SUCH ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME, SHOULD IN GENERAL BE AVOIDED, BUT MUST BE EXAMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IN LIGHT OF TOTAL RANGE OF U.S. INTERESTS AT PLAY." THE WORDS MORE IMPORTANTLY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD SENTENCE IN THAT PARAGRAPH.

(G) PAGE 18. COUNTRY TEAM PROPOSES THAT FIRST AREA OF CONCERN UNDER POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT INTEREST BY CHANGED TO READ: "THE TREND TOWARD EXCESSIVE INTERVENTION OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL AREAS OF THE SOCIETY."

(H) PAGE 20. WE WISH TO SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR THE FIRST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 20: "HAVING DERIVED POLITICAL POWER THROUGH SHARP POLITIZATION OF GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS, THE PLN MAY BE TEMPTED TO IGNORE THE VIEWS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR AND POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND THUS IMPAIR THE DELICATE BALANCE THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY CHARACTERIZED THE COSTA RICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM." THE THIRD PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 20 IS EXPANDED WITH A NEW SENTENCE READING AS FOLLOWS: "THE OPPOSITION WILL ALSO SEEK TO USE USG CONTACTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE VESCO CASE, AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION." THE FOURTH SECRET

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PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 20 IS CHANGED BY INSERTING THE WORD "ORGANIZED" BETWEEN THE WORDS "COSTA RICAN" AND "LABOR".

(I) PAGE 21. OBJECTIVE 4, DEALING WITH THE AIFLD PROGRAM IS REPHRASED AS FOLLOWS: "RESTRUCTURE A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE AIFLD PROGRAM AIMED AT THE BROADER DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT BY DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIAT (ITS) AFFILIATED UNIONS."

(J) COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDS EXPANSION OF LAST SENTENCE UNDER FAVORABLE DISPOSITION INTEREST TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE SMALL MILITARY LIAISON MISSION PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT MEANS OF PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND THE PUBLIC FORCES AND THUS SERVES ALL U.S. INTERESTS BY MAINTAINING OUR PRESENCE IN A SECTOR OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE GOCR. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THINGS 'MILITARY' IN THE COSTA RICAN SOCIETY, WE SHOULD AVOID THE ENHANCED MILITARY IMAGE WHICH WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH ASSIGNMENT OF A RESIDENT ATTACHE GIVEN THE FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS AND INTELLIGENCE CONNOTATIONS THAT ENTAILS. MOREOVER, THE INTELLIGENCE CONTRIBUTION WOULD, ON ITS OWN MERITS, NOT WARRANT THE CREATION OF SUCH AN OFFICE."

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(K) PAGE 22. IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH UNDER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WE PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE LAST TWO SENTENCES TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY BUT CASH CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE LIMITED. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR AVAILABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES, OUR MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAMMING CAPABILITY, AS WELL AS OUR PROJECTION OF COUNTRY NEEDS, WE WILL PLAN TO REDUCE VOLUNTEER NUMBERS OVER THE CASP TIME-FRAME." ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATED FY 76 AND FY 77 RESOURCE FIGURES FOR PEACE CORPS (UNLABELLED)

SHOULD BE CHANGED RESPECTIVELY FROM 478 TO 440 AND 352 TO 430.

(L) PAGE 23. WE WISH TO SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE FOR THE ONE BEGINNING "WHETHER FOR THESE OR OTHER REASONS..." IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH UNDER U.S. ECONOMIC PROSPERITY INTEREST: "DESPITE INCREASED SENSITIVITY ABOUT FOREIGN INVESTMENT TWO PROJECTS THAT COULD BE SIGNIFICANT FOR U.S. INTERESTS, AN ALUMINUM AND HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND A COPPER PROJECT, BOTH PROMOTED BY ALCOA, APPEAR TO HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF GAINING APPROVAL FROM THE GOCR." UNDER THE INTEREST FAIR TREATMENT AND SAFETY WE PROPOSE TO ELIMINATE THE WORD REFORM FROM THE SENTENCE BEGINNING "THE GOVERNMENT ALSO INTENDS..." AFTER THIS SENTENCE INSERT A NEW SENTENCE WHICH WILL READ: "U.S. WILL HAVE TO WEIGH THE GROWING SENSITIVITY TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND ESPECIALLY TOWARD SECRET

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FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN PROJECTS THAT WOULD HAVE A USG INVOLVEMENT."

(M) PAGE 1, ANNEX A, TABLE 1: TO CORRECT ERRORS IN THE ORIGINAL SUBMISSION, THE DECIMAL POINTS IN CU PROGRAM DOLLAR RESOURCES LINE SHOULD IN ALL CASES BE MOVED ONE PLACE TO THE RIGHT. AGRICULTURE/FAS DOLLAR RESOURCES FIGURE FOR FY 76 SHOULD READ "3.5" IN LIEU OF ".5".

(N) ANNEX B, PAGE 2, SECTION E: WE PROPOSE THAT THE REMAINDER OF SENTENCE IN REMARKS PARAGRAPH, BEGINNING WITH WORD "PARTIALLY" BE ELIMINATED. THE REST OF THE PARAGRAPH REMAINS AS STATED.

(O) ANNEX B, PAGE 3, SECTION D: WE PROPOSE NEW SENTENCE IN REMARKS PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: "PROSPECTS ARE BETTER FOR FY 76."

(P) ANNEX B, PAGE 4: WE PROPOSE THAT UNDER INTEREST NO. 2 U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE LANGUAGE IN THE REMARKS BE CHANGED FROM "PROGRESS SATISFACTORY" TO "NOT APPLICABLE." TODMAN

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